

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, May 25, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (137 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 6  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 8  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Whitewater-Baldy**, Gila NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pierson) to IMT 1 (Sciacca) will occur tomorrow. Includes previously reported Whitewater and Baldy incidents. Fifteen miles east of Glenwood, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Gladiator**, Prescott NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Started on state land one mile east of Crown King, AZ. Timber. Group tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations remain in effect.

**Sunflower**, Tonto NF. Thirty miles north of Mesa, AZ. Moderate fire activity.

**Elwood**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Thirty-six miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Whitewater-Baldy	NM	GNF	70,578	45,478	0	UNK	506	55	11	15	4	20	2.5M	FS
Gladiator	AZ	PNF	16,240	0	35	UNK	990	-156	23	33	9	6	12.3M	ST
Sunflower	AZ	TNF	17,618	1,443	43	7/30	67	-53	2	5	1	0	5.6M	FS
Elwood	AZ	SCA	1,600	0	98	UNK	24	0	1	1	0	0	1.2M	BIA
Bull Flat	AZ	FTA	2,145	0	100	---	0	-151	0	0	0	0	3.0M	BIA

FTA – Fort Totten Agency, BIA

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 0  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Tre**, East Fork Fire District. IMT 2 (Sommer). Fifteen miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Hardwood slash, pinyon-juniper, brush and grass. Group tree torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Tre	NV	EFKX	7,500	770	35	5/26	575	0	17	13	7	19	2.3M	CNTY

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Duck Lake**, Michigan DNR. Fifteen miles northeast of Newberry, MI. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Pine Creek**, Seney NWR. Thirty-five miles west of Mount Pleasant, MI. Brush. Active fire behavior with group torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Duck Lake	MI	MIS	5,000	---	0	5/26	0	---	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
Pine Creek	MI	SNR	3,000	800	65	UNK	104	49	2	10	2	0	35K	FWS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 64  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Junction**, Merritt Island, NWR. Six miles east of Titusville, FL. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Junction	FL	MIR	600	0	60	UNK	23	0	0	5	1	0	20K	FWS
* Double Gate	FL	FLS	980	---	100	---	9	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Loran Trial	LA	KIF	668	0	100	---	9	-3	0	2	1	0	30K	FS
Riley Road	TX	TXS	630	0	100	---	67	0	0	18	0	2	NR	ST

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Just Missed Again	FL	MIR	533	0	100	---	12	12	0	5	1	0	60K	FWS

FLS – Florida Forest Service    KIF – Kisatchie NF    TXS – Texas Forest Service

### **Eastern Great Basin (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Hurricane Assist 02	UT	SWS	2,177	-23	100	---	12	-55	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

SWS – Southwest Area, DNR

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Strong winds and low relative humidity will continue to produce critical fire weather conditions across much of New Mexico and Arizona, southwestern Colorado, southern Utah, southern Nevada and far eastern California. Scattered showers and thunderstorms, with some snow in the mountains, will spread across the Northwest and the northern Rockies. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop along a slow-moving front from the High Plains to the Ohio Valley. Warm and humid conditions will continue over the Gulf and East coast regions. In Alaska, moist conditions will continue over the Interior and bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the region. Rain will develop along the Southwest and South Central coasts.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the  
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.



## EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR 1

Mild, moderate and EXTREME fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to act decisively to the changing situation.

- Discuss the following indicators of extreme fire behavior:
  - Relative humidity less than 15%
  - 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%
  - Transition from surface to crown fire
  - Smoldering fires that exist in the early part of the day are beginning to burn very actively as the day progresses.
  - Approaching thunderheads with dark clouds beneath
  - Presence of dust devils indicating an unstable atmosphere
  - Increased spotting
  - Sudden calm
  - High clouds moving fast in direction different from surface wind
  - Predicted Haines Index of 5 and 6 in those areas where this level is a good indicator of atmospheric instability
  - Fire whirls

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	2						2
Northern California	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					15		15
Southern California	FIRES		1			23	3	27
	ACRES		0			87	0	87
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			4	1	8
	ACRES		2,305			471	0	2,776
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		4,080					4,080
Southwest	FIRES	9			1	1	2	13
	ACRES	27			0	10	61,927	61,964
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				300	300
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				1	5	7
	ACRES	7				0	81	88
Southern Area	FIRES			1		62	1	64
	ACRES			72		584	1	657
TOTAL	FIRES	11	5	1	1	104	15	137
	ACRES	36	6,385	72	0	1,168	62,309	69,970

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			100	2	103
	ACRES		0			155	0	155
Northwest	FIRES	43	14		3	84	20	164
	ACRES	1,567	9,885		3	766	33	12,254
Northern California	FIRES	2	5	1	2	567	78	655
	ACRES	0	30	0	1	857	65	953
Southern California	FIRES	9	46	4	6	841	149	1,055
	ACRES	11	164	0	2	1,314	122	1,613
Northern Rockies	FIRES	482	10	11	4	84	50	641
	ACRES	23,672	2,617	773	620	2,185	860	30,727
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	69		4	148	20	254
	ACRES	154	4,531		0	2,597	168	7,450
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	82		5	50	9	149
	ACRES	12	40,240		0	2,833	538	43,623
Southwest	FIRES	285	62	9	5	218	188	767
	ACRES	6,966	3,029	14	2,228	10,270	130,995	153,502
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	373	55	20	4	464	108	1,024
	ACRES	17,639	326	1,243	818	35,008	19,224	74,258
Eastern Area	FIRES	667		33	12	5,527	319	6,558
	ACRES	1,628		2,480	398	42,846	5,603	52,955
Southern Area	FIRES	220		20	21	9,436	308	10,005
	ACRES	30,783		15,169	3,443	120,810	47,949	218,154
TOTAL	FIRES	2,097	344	98	66	17,519	1,251	21,375
	ACRES	82,432	60,822	19,679	7,513	219,641	205,557	595,644

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,118,398</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				5			5
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						46	46
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			30				30
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					45	3	48
	ACRES					1,075	1,669	2,744
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	45	6	52
	ACRES	0	0	30	5	1,075	1,719	2,829

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	8		10
	ACRES				18	5,270		5,288
Northwest	FIRES	3	49	3			113	168
	ACRES	851	5,454	900			18,676	25,881
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	13	21		143	192
	ACRES	107	203	22,325	151		12,555	35,341
Southern California	FIRES		6	5		1	153	165
	ACRES		1,521	381		550	4,258	6,710
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	13	64	4	32	182	310
	ACRES	1,716	5,440	15,824	238	1,709	19,892	44,819
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		16	2	4	23	41	86
	ACRES		1,324	188	269	340	18,869	20,990
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	17	11	6	15		128	177
	ACRES	636	7,706	2,591	109		38,368	49,410
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	24	98	21	18	60	243
	ACRES	2,022	2,987	18,416	2,492	8,377	10,814	45,108
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		463	40	904	147	1,590
	ACRES	22,098		76,836	9,054	57,691	57,079	222,758
Southern Area	FIRES	23		120	52	6,977	832	8,004
	ACRES	4,783		48,113	37,384	424,476	798,084	1,312,840
TOTAL	FIRES	118	140	778	159	7,976	1,803	10,974
	ACRES	32,213	26,896	185,993	49,715	498,692	978,816	1,772,325

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>



### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	8	10	201	1,213
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	2	0	497	3,326
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	87	582
Manitoba	1	0	91	17,438
Ontario	12	3	336	29,304
Quebec	8	30	247	20,691
Newfoundland	1	0	31	1,615
New Brunswick	0	0	234	325
Nova Scotia	0	0	224	699
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	8	641
Total	32	44	1,964	75,845

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**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***